

Synonymic note on the monobasic genus *Ophryomedon* Wasmann, 1916 (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Paederinae)*

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Synonymic note on the monobasic genus *Ophryomedon* Wasmann, 1916 (Coleoptera, Staphylinidae, Paederinae). - *Ophryomedon marginatus* Naomi, 1995 is designated a junior synonym of *Ophryomedon crenatus* Wasmann, 1916.

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Wasmann (1916) described the myrmecophilous beetle *Ophryomedon crenatus* from Malacca, Malaysia. Naomi (1995) described *Ophryomedon marginatus* from Japan (Honshu and Kyushu) and, relying on Wasmann's description, gave as diagnostic differences a longer third segment of the labial palpi, different colour pattern, and broader abdomen of the Japanese specimens.

While sorting unidentified Staphylinidae in the collection of the Geneva Natural History Museum I found eight specimens belonging to the genus *Ophryomedon* labelled as follows:

4 exx.: JAPON, Nara, Nara, 27-31.VII.1980, Cl. Besuchet (coll. Geneva Mus., 1 ex. coll. Rougemont); 1 ex.: INDIA, U.P., Kumaon, Bhim Tal 1450-1550 m., 5.X.1979, I. Löbl (coll. Geneva Mus.); 1 ex.: INDIA, Assam, Manas, 200 m., 22.X.1978, Besuchet – Löbl (coll. Rougemont).

Naomi (1995) has provided a good description and illustrations of *O. marginatus* Naomi, with which the new material agrees in all respects. The colouration and extent of the dark elytral band are somewhat variable, and in one specimen from Nara the whole body is slightly infuscate, so that the elytral marking almost disappears from lack of contrast with the ground colour. Even without examining the type of *O. crenatus* Wasmann, it can be confidently asserted that all specimens examined belong to a single, evidently widely distributed species. The new synonymy established is thus:

Ophryomedon crenatus Wasmann 1916: 202.

Ophryomedon marginatus Naomi, 1995: 162. **Syn. n.**

* 45th contribution to the knowledge of Staphylinidae
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